(c) and (d) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy have been providing subsidy of 33% of the cost of new indigenously developed vehicles (exclusive of excise duty, sales tax and all other levies) or Rs. 80,000/- per vehicle for battery operated three wheelers (eight seater and above), Rs. 75000/- per vehicle for battery operated passenger cars (four seater) and Rs. 3.50 lakhs for battery operated buses/minibuses (ten seater and above), whichever is less, to Government organizations, Government undertakings, Autonomous Institutions, Public/Private Limited Companies, Registered Voluntary Institutions and Registered Professional Associations of repute, under the Societies Registration Act, Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Tourism and Archaeological Sites etc.

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd.

1911. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Shipyard of Visakhapatnam has received a huge order of sixteen Bulk Cargo Ships;

(b) whether Government would extend subsidies to H.S.L. to meet this demand;

(c) the other steps Government would take to expand and modernize the Vizag Shipyard;

(d) the demands that are pending with Government to help the H.S.L.;

(e) whether Government would help increase design and know-how facilities at H.S.L.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (f) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam has received orders for ten bulk carriers comprising four 30,000 DWT bulk carriers and six 53,000 DWT bulk carriers. The shipyard is eligible for and getting subsidy for the above vessels as per the Government of India subsidy scheme. Rehabilitation-cum-Financial Restructuring plan covering all aspects of revival of HSL, is under process.